



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012 **ADOPTED**

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Dear Directors:

ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION
OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE
EUGENE A. OBREGON PARK POOL RENOVATION PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$1,631,000 in County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the Eugene A. Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project consists of replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
- 2. Allocate \$1,631,000 of County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Eugene A. Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project.
- 3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$1,631,000, for the Eugene A. Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the

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date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects, otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$1,631,000 in County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the Eugene A. Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project and provide for administration of the grant, when awarded, under the existing Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects (Procedural Guide).

The Eugene A. Obregon Park Pool is located at 4021 East First Street in Los Angeles. The proposed Project includes renovation of the locker room, restrooms and shower area within the pool building to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act standards as well as replacement of the pool shell, mechanical equipment and perimeter concrete deck. The project budget is \$3,600,000 and the \$1,631,000 in Excess funds will supplement the \$588,000 in prior year net County cost already appropriated in the capital project and \$1,381,000 in Utility Users Tax Cy Pres funds which are anticipated to be appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Supplemental Resolution to fully fund the Project.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) be authorized to award the grant to the Department, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

In a related item on your Board's agenda, the Department requests your Board's approval to fund the Eugene A. Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational swim opportunities in the East Los Angeles area of the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of \$1,631,000, is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department meets this requirement. The 1996 Proposition also requires that Excess Funds be awarded to cities in the same total amount as is awarded to the County in the same fiscal year.

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The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department would be authorized to award a grant to the Department when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide, for governing the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2 (e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed Project will enhance safe and accessible recreational swim opportunities in the East Los Angeles area and benefit other County residents in the First Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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c: Chief Executive Office County Counsel Executive Office, Board of Supervisors